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Addendum

Final disposition of assets

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The present report provides details of the final disposition of the property of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL).

The assets of the Observer Mission, with a total inventory value of $11,458,600, have been classified under 10 categories, as follows: vehicular equipment, communications equipment, electronic data-processing equipment, mobile offices, generators, photocopying equipment, furniture and fixtures, solar panels, facsimile machines and other equipment.

Annex I to the present report shows, in summary form, the proposed disposition of ONUSAL property, by category of assets, as follows: transferred to other missions/offices, sold or donated to the Government of El Salvador, written off or lost.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, as requested in paragraph 12 of the present report, is to concur with the outlined disposition of ONUSAL assets.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL) was established by the Security Council by its resolution 693 (1991) of 20 May 1991 to monitor all agreements concluded between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) for an initial period of 12 months. The mandate of the Observer Mission was enlarged by the Security Council in its resolution 729 (1992) of 14 January 1992 to include the verification and monitoring of the implementation of all the agreements signed in Mexico City between the Government of El Salvador and the FMLN.

2. The mandate of ONUSAL was extended by subsequent Security Council resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 961 (1994) of 23 November 1994, which extended the mandate for a final period of five months, from 1 December 1994 to 30 April 1995. In its resolution 991 (1995) of 28 April 1995, the Security Council affirmed that the mandate of ONUSAL would terminate as at 30 April 1995.

3. The present report is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/243 of 5 April 1994, in which the Assembly decided, inter alia, that the disposition of ONUSAL property should proceed on the basis of the principle that the equipment of the Observer Mission should, wherever possible and cost-effective, be transferred to other missions, and requested the Secretary-General to proceed with the disposition of ONUSAL assets on the basis of recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/47/990).

4. The process of liquidating ONUSAL assets is being guided by the recommendations contained in section VII of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and by the principles and policies described in the Financial Rules and Regulations of the United Nations and in administrative instructions, which, in order of priority, provide that (a) equipment that conforms to established standards or is compatible with existing equipment should be redeployed to other United Nations operations or placed in reserve for use by future missions; (b) other equipment should be offered to other United Nations organizations in the country, for transfer to them at depreciated values; (c) other items should be disposed of commercially within the country, in accordance with standard United Nations procedures; and (d) any remaining assets (of small/unit value and usually in poor condition) can be donated to local organizations.

II. CLASSIFICATION OF ONUSAL ASSETS AND PROPOSAL FOR THEIR DISPOSITION

5. Based on the inventory records of 1 January 1994 and the adjustments made in 1994-1995, the assets of ONUSAL were estimated at approximately $11.5 million, based on their original value. For ease of classification, these assets have been grouped into 10 general categories, as follows: vehicular equipment, communications equipment, electronic data-processing equipment, mobile offices, generators, photocopying equipment, furniture and fixtures,

solar panels, facsimile machines and miscellaneous equipment. In accordance with the principles and policies regarding the disposition of ONUSAL assets set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/48/945 and Corr.1), and recalled in paragraph 4 of the present report, ONUSAL assets have been placed into three groups and four subgroups as presented in summarized form in annex I and described in annexes II to V.

6. Group I includes assets identified as meeting the requirements of other United Nations missions. The items in this group, with an inventory value of $10,568,100, have been transferred to other United Nations missions and/or to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for temporary storage for future use.

7. Group II consists of assets with an inventory value of $629,700 identified by cost-benefit analysis as not suitable for transfer outside El Salvador. This group includes two subgroups, II (a) and II (b), as follows:

(a) Subgroup II (a): assets recommended for sale to commercial entities ($624,000). The proceeds resulting from the commercial disposal of ONUSAL assets will be credited to the Observer Mission's Special Account as miscellaneous income;

(b) Subgroup II (b): assets to be donated to the Government of El Salvador ($5,700).

8. Group III, with a total inventory value of $260,800, includes ONUSAL property written off or lost in the course of the Mission. It includes subgroup III (a), Assets written off ($249,200), and subgroup III (b), Lost assets ($11,600).

III. DISPOSAL OF LIABILITIES

9. Measures have been initiated to settle amounts owed by the Observer Mission to mission personnel, suppliers and contractors, and to other parties under contracts and legal obligations. As at 31 March 1995, the unliquidated obligations from the inception of the Observer Mission amounted to approximately $2,966,000, including $1,296,000 for the travel of mission personnel, $585,000 for staff-related costs and $350,000 for death and disability awards, $210,100 for the maintenance of transportation equipment, $89,000 for aircraft rental and $438,000 for other objects of expenditure.

IV. STATUS OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS

10. As at 4 June 1995, the outstanding assessments from Member States for ONUSAL (including the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA)) amounted to $23,643,957, consisting of $10,665,556 for ONUCA and $12,978,401 for ONUSAL.

V. CONCLUSIONS

11. The disposal of the Observer Mission's assets and liabilities will be a continuing process. With the official closure of ONUSAL at the end of April 1995, a small team of United Nations civilian personnel remained in El Salvador to deal with outstanding claims, invoices, boards of inquiry and so on and to handle the final disposal of property and equipment. The team is expected to complete its work as quickly as possible.

VI. ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS FORTY-NINTH SESSION

12. The concurrence of the General Assembly is sought for the disposition of ONUSAL assets as outlined in the present report.

ANNEX I

Summary of the proposed disposition of assets

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Group I		Group II				Group III				
	To be transferred to other missions or for temporary storage to the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi		To be disposed in El Salvador				Written off/lost				
			Subgroup (a) (Sold)		Subgroup (b) (Donated)		Subgroup (a) (Written off)		Subgroup (b) (Lost)		
Category of assets	Recipient a/	Value	Buyer	Value	Recipient	Value	Description	Value	Description	Value	Total
1. Vehicular equipment	MINUGUA, UNMIH, UNIFIL, MINUSAL	5 540.9	Private individuals	234.6			18 vehicles	224.5			6 000
2. Communications equipment	MINUGUA, UNMIH, UNOMIL, ONUMOZ, UNAVEM, MINUSAL, UNLB Brindisi, UNDP, El Salvador	3 668.1	Private individuals UNDP El Salvador	18.3 111.7	Government of El Salvador	3.1	15 units	17.4	5 units	5.1	3 823.7
3. Electronic data-processing equipment	MINUGUA, UNTSO, MINUSAL, HQ, Electrical Unit	394.8	Private individuals	160.9					3 units	5.6	561.3
4. Mobile offices	MINUGUA, UNMIH	352.5									352.5
5. Generators	MINUGUA, UNMIH, MINUSAL	234.4					1 unit	1.9			236.3
6. Photocopying equipment	MINUGUA, MINUSAL	158.4	Private individuals	69.4							227.8
7. Furniture and fixtures	MINUGUA, MINUSAL	78.7	Private individuals	19.7			1 unit	0.5	1 unit	0.9	99.8
8. Solar panels	MINUGUA, UNMIH	79.2					1 unit	0.9			80.1
9. Facsimile machines	MINUGUA, UNMIH, UNLB, Brindisi, MINUSAL	52.6	Private individuals	1.1							53.7
10. Other equipment	MINUGUA, MINUSAL, UNLB, Brindisi	8.5	Private individuals	8.3	Government of El Salvador	2.6	6 units	4.0			23.4
Total		10 568.1		624.0		5.7		249.2		11.6	11 458.6

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a/ MINUGUA United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala

UNMIH United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH)

UNIFIL United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)

MINUSAL United Nations Mission in El Salvador

UNOMIL United Nations Observation Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL)

ONUMOZ United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ)

UNAVEM United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM)

UNDP United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

UNTSO United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO)

ANNEX II

Property transferred to other missions

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Category of assets	Transferred to a/																						Total assets transferred by category	
		M.NUGUA		UNMIH		UNOMIL		ONUMOZ		UNAVEM		UNIFIL		MINUSAL		UNTSO		UNDP El Salvador		Brindisi		Headquarters Electoral unit			
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1.	Vehicular equipment	176	2 269 6	170	2 822.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	251.2	16197.6		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	395	5 540.9
2	Communications equipment	701	1 263.1	503	1 580.4	71	296.2	40	166.0	19	59.2	-	-	48	70.9	-	-	2	6.1	42	226.2	-	-	1 426	3 668.1
3.	Electronic data-processing equipment	207	244.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68111.7		4	16.1	-	-	-	-	1	22.5	280	394.8
4	Mobile offices	4	94 0	11	b/ 258.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	352.5
5.	Generators	40	169 1	11	57.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	234.4
6	Photo-copying equipment	33	134 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	23.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	158.4
7	Furniture and fixtures	67	69.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	9.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	78.7
8.	Solar panels	66	57 0	26	22.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92	79.2
9	Facsimile machines	13	21.3	10	16.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	8.5	-	-	-	-	4	6.5	-	-	33	52.6
10.	Other equipment	7	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2.3	-	-	-	-	1	1.2	-	-	11	8.5
	Total value transferred to missions		4 327.6		4 757.1		296.2		166.0		59.2		251.2		432.2		16.1		6.1		233.9		22.5		10 568.1

a/ For acronyms, see footnote to annex I.

b/ Eleven containers transferred to UNMIH are included in this category.

ANNEX III

Property sold

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Category of assets	Quantity	Total value	Sold to
1.	Vehicular equipment	23	234.5	Private individuals
2.	Communications equipment	61	111.7	UNDP, El Salvador
3.	Electronic data-processing equipment	81	160.9	Private individuals
4.	Mobile offices	-	-	-
5.	Generators	-	-	-
6.	Photocopying equipment	35	69.4	Private individuals
7.	Furniture and fixtures	31	19.7	Private individuals
8.	Solar panels	-	-	-
9.	Facsimile machines	1	1.2	Private individuals
10.	Other equipment	10	8.3	Private individuals
	Total assets		624.0	

ANNEX IV

Property donated

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Category of assets	Quantity	Total value	Donated to
1.	Communications equipment	1	3.1	One communications repeater transferred to the telecommunications company (TELESIS) in lieu of rent of tower
2.	Miscellaneous equipment	3	2.6	Medical equipment donated to Hospital Rosales
	Total assets		5.7	

ANNEX V

Property written off or lost

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of assets	Written off		Lost		Remarks
	Quantity	Total value	Quantity	Total value	
1. Vehicular equipment	18	224.5	-	-	As a result of road accidents
2. Communications equipment	15	17.4	5	5.1	
3. Electronic data-processing equipment	-	-	3	5.6	
4. Generators	1	1.9	-	-	
5. Furniture and fixtures	1	0.5	1	0.9	
6. Solar panels	1	0.9	-	-	
7. Other equipment	6	4.0	-	-	
Total assets		249.2		11.6	